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THE Disarmament Com-

mission of the United Nations has adjourned sine die and has asked the U.N.

to issue a full

ANOTHER report of its

EAST-WEST proceedings

FAILURE

Its failure,

implicit

in the request, is tragic for

the initial if man hopes that

things might possibly have

turned out better. That the

Soviet delegate opposed the

publication of any report

may perhaps in itself help

to illustrate the reasons for

the conference's failure.

Early in the conference the

British and American members

put forward a draft proposal

for the limitation of armaments,

fixing the numbers of troops

allowed to each power, for the

listing of all armaments, and

for the gradual abolition of

"weapons of mass destruction."

No doubt, the plan could be

disputed at many points, but it

remained a courageous gesture,

comparable with Litvinov's

stand two decades ago, when

the Soviet Union was in the

forefront of disarmament pro-

tagonists. Now, in 1952, Mr. Mal- liak, the Soviet representative,

rejected the U.S.-British pro-

posals with a shower of abuse.

His first objections were on

questions of detail, on the size

of army to be approved for the

various powers. The Western

representative agreed to discuss

these points. Then he asked that

the Chinese and North Korean

representatives be admitted to

the conference, a proposal which

the U.S.A. would not counten-

ance, for reasons best known in

Washington. Then Mr. Malik

changed his tune, demanding

prior outlawry of the atomic

bomb, and refusing to discuss

the Western draft. He denounced

the U.S. as a nation of "gang-

sters" who had no intention of

disarming. He went on to de-

mand that the Conference be as

"proof of its good will" con-

cerns the U.S. for guerrilla-war-

fare in Korea and China, though he

had voted a U.S. resolution in

the Security Council to have the

charges investigated. Similar

tactics had frustrated the Inter-

national Red Cross meeting,

where the Chinese delegate de-

manded that the I.R.C. denounce

U.S. guerrilla warfare in Korea,

while refusing to permit a Red

Cross Commission to visit the

country.

Equally disturbing has been

the news that the U.N. Economic

Commission for Europe has

had to abandon its plans for

calling a conference to discuss

means of stimulating trade be-

tween Eastern and Western Eu-

rope. The reason given by Gunnar Myrdal, Head of the

Agency, was that the Eastern

countries would not supply the

necessary data — this, after the

Moscow conference, two months

earlier, with its emphasis on

trade relations.

It seems difficult to avoid the

conclusion that the Soviet lead-

ers abandoned all intentions of

reaching an agreement with the

West, whether on the ques-

tion of peace, economic rela-

tions, or indeed any phase of

international cooperation.

**THE Reading Room of the**

**British Museum has been**

**redecorated. This is rather**

**like hanging up the hunting**

**at a permanent**

**Intellectual Hel-**

**linski — an inter-**

**national stan-**

**dium for the**

**bespectacled. The**

**H.M. waits**

**at the end of a very long road**

**for every child who can sur-**

**vive those stiff eliminating**

**rounds which begin with "The**

**rat is on the nail."**

**Readers at the**

**Museum, finalists in the**

**scholarship class, have had to**

**put up with a saddening dis-**

**appointment since the room was**

**closed last Autumn. Returning, they**

**find that the old walls of dirty**

**brown have taken on light and**

**cheerful colours. Furthermore,**

**there is air conditioning. No**

**longer does that venerable ap-**

**pliance puff up warm air**

**through openings in the floor**

**as it has been doing since**

**1884. Is it possible that with**

**this important brain cell of the**

**world being given better con-**

**ditions and more oxygen,**

**thought will become cheerier,**

**and each page of history more**

**smiling? For instance, if Karl**

**Marx had done his pene-**

**trage, not in the sulphuric fume**

**which London accepts as air,**

**but in something more like a**

**Mediterranean climate, might**

**we have today a Genial Peas-**

**ant instead of a Cold War?**

## FISHING SCHOOL AND RESEARCH STATION BEHIND NEW INDUSTRY Netting and Getting 'Em Alive-O

By GERDA L. COHEN

**There is no getting away**

**from it: Back to the Sea**

**has been far less popular than**

**Back to the Land. After four**

**years of governmental stim-**

**ulus, only about a thousand**

**people derive a livelihood from**

**the fact that Israel owns a**

**considerable coast-line. We are**

**a nation of land-lubbers; in**

**Mandate times, Atlantic trav-**

**ellers weighed anchor at Haifa**

**with their refrigerators full of**

**cod, and plenty of North Afri-**

**can sardines graced the**

**fish-mongers' slab. After the**

**War of Liberation the handful**

**of Jewish fishermen who had**

**been struggling to avoid bank-**

**ruptcy, had grandiose visions**

**of a fleet racing silver hawks**

**across the Mediterranean —**

**but the development of Israel**

**fisheries has been slow. Between**

**them the six fishing settle-**

**ments possess ten boats, medi-**

**um-sized craft with refrigera-**

**tion or ice, manned by seven or**

**eight tough fellows in cramped**

**and uncomfortable quarters. The**

**Israeli fleet can muster in addi-**